STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992

PART V

AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISTRICT COUNCILS

Miscellaneous amendments of the principal Act

Northern Ireland code of local government conduct

29.—(1) After section 7 of the principal Act there shall be inserted

"Northern Ireland code of local government conduct.

- **7A.**—(1) The Department, for the guidance of members of councils, may issue a code of recommended practice as regards the conduct of members of councils to be known as the Northern Ireland code of local government conduct.
 - (2) The Department may revise or withdraw a code issued under this section.
- (3) The Department, before issuing, revising or withdrawing a code, shall consult such councils, such associations or bodies representative of councils and such other associations or public bodies as appear to the Department to be desirable.
- (4) A code shall not be issued or revised unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Assembly.
- (5) The form of declaration of acceptance of office under section 7 and Part I of Schedule 1 shall include an undertaking by the declarant to be guided by the Northern Ireland code of local government conduct in the performance of his functions.
- (6) In this section "member", in relation to a council, includes any person who, whether or not a member of the council, is a member of a committee or sub-committee of the council or of any joint committee of two or more councils."
- (2) In Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Act (declaration of councillor) at the end of the declaration there shall be added—
- "I affirm that I have read and will be guided by the Northern Ireland code of local government conduct in the performance of my functions as a councillor.".